

**PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE  
of the  
Suffolk County Legislature**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Public Information Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on **June 19, 2002**.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Angie Carpenter - Chairperson  
Legislator David Bishop - Vice-Chair  
Legislator Lynne Nowick  
Legislator Joseph Caracappa  
Legislator William Lindsay  
Legislator Maxine Postal

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Sabatino - Counsel to the Legislature  
Doug Sutherland - Aide to Legislator Carpenter  
Carol Cucinella - Aide to Legislator Carpenter  
Tom Donovan - Aide to Presiding Officer Tonna  
Jim Dobkowski - Press Secretary to Presiding Officer Tonna  
Ed Hogan - Aide to Legislator D'Andre  
Terrence Pearsall - Aide to Legislator Lindsay  
Rosalind Gazes - Budget Analyst/Budget Review Office  
Bill Faulke - County Executive's Office/Intergovernmental Relations  
John Gallagher - Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Department  
James Abbott - Chief Deputy Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Dept  
James Maggio - Deputy Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Department  
James Rooney - Suffolk County Police Department  
Bill Rohrer - Suffolk County Police Department/Public Information  
Dave Fischler - Commissioner/Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services  
Vincent Iaria - Director/Suffolk County Probation Department  
Paul Scimeme - Assistant to the Director of Probation  
Debbie Epple - Public Information Office/Civil Service  
Robert Kearon - Division Chief/District Attorney's Office  
Tom Muratore - Vice-President/Police Benevolent Association  
Nancy Manteiga - 2nd Vice-President/Association of Municipal Employees  
Melody Guerrero - Long Island Occupational & Environmental  
Health Center  
Paulette Bartunek - Director/Human Rights Commission  
Rabbi Steven Moss - Nominee/Human Rights Commission  
Alice Lambert - Nominee/Human Rights Commission  
Michele DelMonte - Nominee/Human Rights Commission  
Carolyn Peabody - Nominee/Human Rights Commission  
Lynda Perdomo-Ayala - Nominee/Human Rights Commission  
Mary Abad - Nominee/Human Rights Commission  
All Other Interested Parties

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**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:40 A.M.\*)

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Good morning. Let us begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and I would ask Terry Pearsall to do this.

### Salutation

If anyone was planning on addressing the committee, if you could just fill out a card so we can be sure that we know that and call you up. Let us begin with Vinny Iaria from Probation, I had asked him to come here today. The issue of the cards was something that the Legislature had expressed a good deal of interest in and I had asked Vinny to come down to give us an overview on what the plan was for implementing the new ones and what they do with the cars that they have now. Good morning, Vinny.

MR. IARIA:

Good morning. Essentially we have two resolutions to purchase vehicles, one dating back I guess the beginning of the year; we are expecting delivery on those cars some time by mid July. Another resolution that recently passed, for us to get the vehicles in by the end of the year we have to meet a June 30th date because the State contract I believe expires on that date. Our purchase order only went in yesterday and hopefully the County DPW will be able to process it in time. If not, we probably won't -- would not expect delivery of those ten additional vehicles until next year.

The way our structure is with vehicles, we have Principle Probation Officers that are responsible for a zone office and they have several supervisors under them. When we implement the full delivery of all the vehicles we'll have enough for each probation unit that is run by a supervisor to have a vehicle. The vehicle will be assigned based on a priority. The priorities are planned arrests, warrants; execution of warrants are the top law enforcement priority that required a car. Home visits are the next priority and in home visits, the Probation Officer is required by State mandate to inspect a home of a probationer and talk to any significant others and the probationer to see how that person is following the conditions of probation and also to do drug testing if that's part of the conditions of probation.

Now, the supervisor is going to have to make a decision on who gets the cars and that will be based on who's doing the most mileage. Since our goal as a department would be also to cut down on mileage, you know, paying out mileage, since we will have these additional cars. We currently pay out about 200,000 a year in employee mileage.

The other thing that we have to -- that will be of concern to us is to make sure that officers that don't have the availability of a vehicle still do their assigned work and go out and take their own vehicle into the field. So, you know, we're going to have to pay close attention to that as well.

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So I don't know -- I know your concerns are that -- one of your concerns are will administrators be taking home vehicles, will supervisors be taking home vehicles, that won't be the case with these additional vehicles. So I'm not quite sure what you wanted to hear or what you wanted to talk about.

(\*Legislator Bishop entered the meeting at 9:45 A.M.\*)

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay, if I could. Just speaking personally, my concern is not so much if the vehicles are being taken home as much as if the appropriate personnel are having vehicles available to them. And there was an awful lot of concern expressed about Probation Officers who have to make these visits, who have to do drug testing, to use their personal vehicles for these purposes. A lot of times some of the people that they are monitoring or having to visit have -- then have access to their personal vehicles, what they drive, what their license plate number is and there is a security issue there.

MR. IARIA:

There definitely is and it's been a longstanding security issue. This will -- getting the cars will help reduce that considerably. It won't eliminate it completely because there will still be times when they will have to go out and use their personal vehicles.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

How many vehicles do you have or will you have in total?

MR. IARIA:

Well, right now we have 26, so we should have another 20? Fifty-two.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

So you'll have 52. And how many Probation Officers over the course of the day are out in the field?

MR. IARIA:

Probably about a hundred.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. And will the 52 vehicles be available to the Probation Officers?

MR. IARIA:

Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Tell me what the supervisors use the vehicles for.

MR. IARIA:

The supervisors won't be using the vehicles.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay.

MR. IARIA:

The supervisors will run a unit, they're office-based.

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CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay.

MR. IARIA:

They will -- they have eight to 14 people that they supervise. They've got to make a decision as to who gets priority on the vehicle and that will be based on, as we said, the law enforcement responsibilities of executing warrants, that we have to execute a warrant without delay, that's the first choice for a vehicle. And then searches, we do some planned searches of probationers' residents, we have been doing a lot lately in conjunction with the Police Department that has yielded a

lot of drugs and weapons, so that will be the next priority. And then the third priority will be the standard home visits, and there are also sometimes when a Probation Officer needs to get a probationer to a mental hospital or something like that, so they need to transport somebody, that will also be a priority. So that's kind of how it will stack out.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, I definitely, you know, I feel personally that if they have to transport a probationer, definitely they should not be using their personal vehicles.

MR. IARIA:

No, we don't let them use their personal cars on transport.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Are there any other questions or comments? Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Do you anticipate more vehicles in the future, the need for more vehicles?

MR. IARIA:

Well, I -- there's a need but there's all also budget constraints, so you have to balance that out.

LEG. LINDSAY:

But your fleet of 52 vehicles will not suffice to accommodate all the Probation Officers in the field.

MR. IARIA:

Unless we have the massive retirements.

LEG. NOWICK:

Angie?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. Legislator Nowick.

LEG. NOWICK:

Yeah, just to reiterate. All of the 52 vehicles stay at the Probation Department, they don't go home with anybody, they stay there and they're always --

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MR. IARIA:

Some may go home with warrant personnel.

LEG. NOWICK:

What's that?

MR. IARIA:

People are on call --

LEG. NOWICK:

Oh, with the warrants.

MR. IARIA:

-- to execute warrants in the evening. If we get a call from another --

LEG. NOWICK:

How many?

MR. IARIA:

Probably four people.

LEG. NOWICK:

So that four vehicles go home with four people from the Warrant Squad.

MR. IARIA:

Traditionally, the Principle Probation Officers that run the office also have availability of a vehicle home, they cover several offices and they can be called out at night to solve some problems.

LEG. NOWICK:

How many of those go home?

MR. IARIA:

There's maybe four.

LEG. NOWICK:

So eight of them go home and the rest are staying.

MR. IARIA:

I take a car home as well.

LEG. NOWICK:

Because you can be called out at night.

MR. IARIA:

Yeah.

LEG. NOWICK:

And the rest stay there and are available for the Probation Officers?

MR. IARIA:

Even the ones at home are available to the Probation Officers. Probation Officers have access to the Principle Probation Officer's home number, if a vehicle is needed arrangements will be made, you

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know, to get it to them. So everybody's car we consider a pool car and --

LEG. NOWICK:

Yeah, that's what we want to know.

MR. IARIA:

And somebody's lunch comes second to, you know, the work of the department. So if a Probation Officer had a need to take a vehicle to do, you know, to do so some work, then --

LEG. NOWICK:

Well, what do you mean, they take them out for lunch, they go out for lunch with the cars?

MR. IARIA:

Yeah. I mean, if a person brings it home, they're allowed to take it to lunch, right.

LEG. NOWICK:

Okay.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

My point is how else are they going to get around if they take the car to work? It's for lunch.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Are there any other comments or questions? Vinny, have you put this plan into a written form for the guidelines and all?

MR. IARIA:

We have some drafts we're -- what we have is an operations team meeting where we will finalize that next week.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

All right, once you have a final copy, if you could share it with the committee it would be helpful.

MR. IARIA:

Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Especially as we're going into the operating budget cycle later this year.

MR. IARIA:

Sure.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

There was a resolution on the agenda about an Anti-Gang Youth Bureau and I had made comment at the last meeting about the fact that you chaired the Juvenile Justice Committee and I had asked you to comment on the resolution. So if you would, I'd appreciate it.

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MR. IARIA:

I don't chair the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Committee, Joe Michaels does, but our Probation Department serves as key staff on that. And basically what we've done is put in place a strategic plan for juvenile crime prevention for the County and the Legislature has actually supported that with a research unit that helps outside -- any person in the community looking to do a grant in one of the key areas, we provide information for that group. In other words, there's a bunch of Title V Juvenile Crime Prevention Grants that have been obtained by the County and information has been provided to Islip, Huntington and Brookhaven Towns, and I guess Riverhead Town has had one.

So there is a plan in place. We have written a report on gang prevention. There is a County Youth Bureau that has youth development responsibilities to help the towns improve their youth development programming. We sit on the County Youth Bureau, as does the Police Department. The -- we have -- as part of one of our grants, we have trained over 1,500 people in the County in terms of gang identification. We have gone to a number of school districts including Central Islip Schools to do some training, we have quite a few competent experts in the area.

I looked at the resolution. I think the resolution has, you know, a laudable goal, but I think it can be accomplished through the existing structure in the County with the addition of maybe some additional people on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Commission and on the County Youth Bureau. The whole idea is you can't attack gangs just from a police perspective, you need to attack it from a youth development perspective and that's key. And in terms of the number of grants that are available to the County through the State Department of Criminal Justice Services, we have tried to key on some on those areas.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much, Vinny. Perhaps you could communicate that with the sponsor of the resolution, I think that would be very helpful. And also, do you have a dollar amount on what the total figure is that you have been able to help enable in these grants?

MR. IARIA:

I do but I don't have it with me today, I can get that to you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay, thank you. Are there any other questions? Legislator Postal.

LEG. POSTAL:

You said that it would be beneficial if there was some additional people or representatives of I guess different areas --

MR. IARIA:

Uh-huh.

LEG. POSTAL:

-- on the Youth Board and also on the committee.

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MR. IARIA:

Yeah.

LEG. POSTAL:

Could you -- first of all, I would be grateful if you would let us know who you feel would be beneficial.

MR. IARIA:

Well, I thought that Legislator Fields had some specific individuals in mind by the way the resolution was written and we should take a look at who those people are.

LEG. POSTAL:

All right, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much. If the Police Commissioner would come up. Commissioner Gallagher, if you want to come forward, I know that you wanted to speak to one of the resolutions, and whomever else you would like to have join you, Deputy Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER:

Good morning.

LEG. NOWICK:

Oh, good morning, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER:

The resolution that I had particular interest in and was the only one really about addressing you this morning was 1590, amending the Operating Budget to transfer positions from the Department of Public Works to the Police Department.

This resolution goes to the issue of auto mechanics who were transferred to the Department of Public Works sometime ago when the fleet was turned over to Public Works and the auto mechanics became Public Works employees. In the interim period since that time, there has been some at times confusion and at times I think some friction between the departments, myself and Public Works over the availability of the auto mechanics to work on a chart or a schedule that is compatible with the needs of the Police Department.

Public Works mechanics, you know, working on their schedule have left -- at times have not been available to us when we felt there was a need for them, such things as coming up the 4th of July weekend when -- or the 4th of July Holiday when you need -- over an extended period of time you would want mechanics available because of fleet needs during the busy period of 4th of July; if it falls on a weekend that became a real problem.

Subsequent to the introduction I guess of the bill, but at some point within the recent past I've sat down with Commissioner Bartha and we've had an extended conversation over this. It's his position that the auto mechanics would be better served by staying in the Public Works Department. From a self-interested standpoint, that their whole work ethic, etcetera, would be maintained better by being in the

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Public Works Department which is where the fleet is housed. He understands and has recognized the department's policy, the department's position that we have problems with the work schedules and he has agreed to see to it that the work schedules of auto mechanics would include availability at a time when normally the civilian employee force would be not available but he understands the auto mechanics will have to be available and has agreed to that change in their work schedule as needed.

So with that, he's asked me to consider, you know, to ask for an extension of the present situation without a change and I'm supporting that on the basis of his assurance that the issue will be resolved.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Legislator Postal?

LEG. POSTAL:

Yeah, I am going to table this resolution till September to give us a chance to see whether things are working better. Commissioner, I would also if you would speak to Commissioner Bartha about two other issues, because it's not only the work schedule but I've also heard that the procedure of I guess filling out or having a work order approved can be a lengthy procedure and that means that a car is off the road until that worker order is approved; I think there needs to be I guess an expedited procedure for having that happen.

And the other thing that I've heard has to do with where repairs are made. And again, you know, it might be really helpful to kind of talk to the mechanics or have the precinct commanders talk to the mechanics

because I've been told that sometimes when there's a repair that's necessary that can be done at the precinct --

COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER:  
Yes.

LEG. POSTAL:

-- for some reason the cars get transported here to fleet and that makes for an extra day or two days while you bring the car here, do the repair, bring the car back.

COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER:

That too was a question that came up, and I already did discuss that with him, about the mechanic's ability and desire to do repairs on site in order to expedite the return of the vehicles to the fleet, you know, for service at the precincts. Again, he said he would -- on that issue he said he would see what he could do to change the SOP that certain repairs have to go to -- I think it's the level of repair, certain repairs have to go to the department garages, others can be done on site, and he said that he would try to adjust the level of repair that was allowed on site for police purposes.

LEG. POSTAL:  
Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
Thank you very much. Is there anything else?

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COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER:  
No. Other than that, I have no other --

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
Are there any other questions for the Police Commissioner? Okay, thank you very much, gentlemen.

COMMISSIONER GALLAGHER:  
I'm almost afraid to stand up.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
No, no; get while the gettin's good. We have a card, Melody Guerrero, who wanted to address the committee.

MS. GUERRERA:  
Good morning. As you said, my name is Melody Guerrero and I'm here representing the Long Island Occupational and Environmental Health Center. We're part of a State-wide network of occupational and environmental clinics funded in large part through the New York State Department of Health.

I did bring a brochure recognizing that you may not be familiar with the work that we do, but my main purpose in being here today is twofold. One is to let you be aware of the fact that money has been secured -- unless you are already aware that money has been secured for a World Trade Center Medical Screening Program and that is open to workers and volunteers from Long Island who went into the World Trade Center either as a volunteer or as part of their jobs or went into surrounding areas or the Fresh Kill Landfill. The second component of my reason for being here is to ask your assistance in reaching out to the residents of Suffolk County who are eligible for this program.

The program itself is funded through the CDC and { NIAASH }, \$12 million was secured through Senator Clinton and Senator Schumer's efforts, a grant was awarded to Mt. Sinai in New York City and in consortium was developed of which we are part. We have sites identified on Long Island in Suffolk County and Nassau County where workers can come for a physical examination. The examination is not totally decided upon, although it will at this point include an occupational history, a history of where they were during the World Trade Center activity, their World Trade Center activity, a physical examination, chest x-ray, blood work that can determine whether any toxic materials have injured their liver and kidneys, urine analysis that will do the same function in a different way, psychological assistance if necessary.

The people who are eligible, just so you know, all the volunteer fire departments. For instance, many Long Islanders went in who are volunteer firemen, others went in just because they had some expertise, perhaps EMT's or construction workers, they went in to assist, others went in because they live on Long Island and it was part of their job. We're talking about thousands of people. The grant itself is limited to being able to take care of 7,500 people in the New York, New Jersey and Long Island area. The way it is set up, there is an 888 number, and I do have informational flyers for you, each individual should call this number, they will be asked for information such as where were they, what were they doing, were they

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wearing protection, contact information and what site they would like to be seen at; there's sites in Manhattan, New Jersey and Long Island. Those at higher -- determined to be at highest risk will be eligible first. And it's my understanding that visits are supposed to start as soon as July 8th, so it's very, very important that we get the information out as quickly as possible.

The second component of why I feel it's important is there's efforts under way recognizing that this funding is not sufficient to meet the total need, there's already efforts under way to secure additional funding for future medical attention, whether it be an initial screening or follow-up medical care for people who end up ill over a period of time. If we don't demonstrate the need on Long Island, I fear that the residents will not be able to get the benefits of this funding in the future when it will probably be needed. The only ones not eligible are State workers because there's funding already dedicated to them and New York City Firemen who also have funding already dedicated for this purpose.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, thank you very much for coming down. We are the Public Safety & Public Information Committee and the young woman that heads that department is here this morning. So I would suggest that if you could, Debbie is going to be coming up next so you will know who she is, but after the meeting if you could meet with her and share that information with her and she can get it out.

MS. GUERRERA:

I appreciate it, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you.

MS. GUERRERA:

And just one other thing, if anyone has a relationship with their volunteer fire departments in your specific districts, we would be more than willing to go out and speak to them or, you know, address them in any way you think is appropriate.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I think most of the Legislators do maintain very good relationships with their volunteer fire fighters. So if you have that information and you could -- Doug, if you would take it, we'll make sure that everyone here has copies of it. Are there any questions?

MS. GUERRERA:

Thank you very much.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Yeah, Melody, maybe you could pass out the information or give it to Doug and he'll pass it out to us so we can post it in our offices.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. Any other questions? Okay, thank you very much for coming down.

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MS. GUERRERA:

Debbie Eppel is here from Public Information and I asked her to come forward this morning to share something that she's working on now and it was really as an outgrowth of what the Legislature did at the last meeting, designating Pool Safety Month in Suffolk County. So Debbie, if you would.

MS. EPPLE:

Good morning. I just wanted to let everybody know, since the Legislature has designated June as Pool Safety Month, I contacted the Health Department to find out what kind of information they that we could get together to get the information out to the libraries and civic associations and different community groups. I also have a call into Dr. Alicondra because the EMS office has a -- it's like a plaque that says "Pool Safety Pledge, never to leave children alone by the pool." I'm not sure what the program is about and how many they have available, but I will find out and I will get the information available. And whatever information I have, I should have pretty much it done by the end of the day and then I'll try to get copies of it to your office and whatever flyers we can distribute to your office, too.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much. And again, I think that we were probably very wise in doing what we did as far as public information because I have always felt, and I know a number of us agreed, that there is so much out there that we are doing as a County, but unfortunately that message isn't always getting out. And this program that the Emergencies Services Unit has with pool safety I think is so very important and I didn't even know that this thing existed. Doug, if you would just get a copy of that from Debbie so that we can all take a closer look at it. But it seems to me this is something that should be on everyone's backyard pool, just a constant reminder of how you have to be ever vigilant of children around a pool. Thank you very much, Debbie. Are there any questions? Thanks, Deb.

Next we'll move to the Human Rights appointments. The appointees have

come down this morning, I do believe everyone is here. What I'd like to do is ask you all to come up at once, if you would; Carolyn Peabody, Mary Abad, Michele DelMonte, Alice Lambert, Rabbi Moss and Lynda Perdona-Ayala. I would like each of you if you would just introduce yourselves, tell everyone how long you've been on the commission and very, very, very briefly why you feel you should be reappointed. And I'd like to start with Rabbi Moss, if you would, I know you had asked if you could make a brief statement, so go ahead.

**RABBI MOSS:**

Good morning, everyone. Dear committee members and Chair, Legislator Carpenter, good morning -- oh, sorry. Hi. Dear Committee Members and Chair, Legislator Carpenter, good morning. And I do want to preface by, as always, thanking you for your support of our commission and its work.

The appointees are here before you, and if they look familiar it is because six months ago they were also confirmed, but because they took over Commissioners whose terms were about to expire, they're here

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again. And I certainly hope that today you will send all of our confirmations before the entire Legislature.

I also want to say that I and these other Commissioners apologize for not appearing before you at our last meeting. We didn't know we needed to be here and as a matter of fact, I don't think I have appeared at a committee or a full Legislative hearing for confirmation more than three times during my ten years as member and as Chair of this commission. So please accept our apology, it was not a reflection of lack of interest, enthusiasm or respect.

Finally, I wish to introduce to you our newly appointed Director, Paulette Bartunek. Paulette might be known to many of you as she has served our commission for 21 years in many investigatory positions, as well as serving as Acting Director three terms. She was chosen after a thorough search and interview process of many excellent candidates. It is our firm belief that Paulette's vast experience and knowledge in the field of human rights, her commitment to human rights, the commission and the people of Suffolk, her exceptional managerial skills and the networking she has done over the years make her more than well qualified for this position. We look forward to working with her in this new capacity, as I know you will too.

And finally, it was recently brought to my attention that this committee would like to be more closely informed of the work of the commission. It was also recently brought to my attention that we no longer have a Legislative liaison. A number of years ago it was Allan Binder and I think at one time it was Steve Levy and we don't have anyone. So first of all, I'd like to ask that one be appointed in particular.

But also if I may add, we will also now send to the chair of this committee and any other interested Legislators our monthly minutes and inform you of any special activities and programs. Along with the minutes, you will be also receiving our monthly statistics and Director's Report; of course, these are all a part of our monthly meetings which are all open meetings. Paulette also will be attending your meetings. But most importantly, please feel free to communicate any issues that are of your concern. We serve the people of this

County and so therefore we serve you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much, Rabbi Moss. And I certainly will make sure that the Presiding Officer is made aware of the fact that there is not a Legislative appointment currently and I'm sure that he will appoint someone in a very timely fashion. Does anyone have any questions specifically for Rabbi Moss or comments? Okay, then why don't we begin with the woman to my left, we'll start there and then go that way.

MS. ABAD:

Good morning. My name is Alice Lambert. I've been on the commission just since this last six month period, I am on the Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission as well as the Oakdale-Bohemia Inter-Faith Anti-Bias Task Force.

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CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yes, go ahead.

MS. PEABODY:

Hi. I'm Carolyn Peabody and I've been on the commission for the last four years. I also serve on the Southold Anti-Bias Task Force and I am a Professor and Assistant Dean at the School of Social Welfare at

SUNY Stony Brook where I also serve on a lot of -- on various diversity committees and work in sort of related ways.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you.

MS. ABAD:

Good morning. I'm Mary Abad. I was only here about a month and a half ago so I'm the one -- the dumbest I should say.

RABBI MOSS:

Not at all.

MS. ABAD:

But I haven't been involved yet, I've only attended one meeting and this week will be my second meeting. I look forward to being part of the commission. I'm a retired Spanish teacher and currently I am in business with my children also and I hope I can help in many ways. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you, Mary.

MS. PERDOMA-AYALA:

Hi. My name is Lynda Perdoma-Ayala, I work in the Department of Pharmacology in the School of Medicine at SUNY Stony Brook. I have only been appointed in the last six months, so I have only attended probably three meetings. We'd like to be reappointed and have an opportunity to serve the County in this capacity.

I, like Carolyn, spend a lot of time at the university on a variety of diversity groups. I'm also a member of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women and on the Board of Directors of VIBS.

MS. DEL MONTE:

Good morning. My name is Michele DelMonte, I work with the Suffolk County Office of Handicapped Services. I have been on the commission, the Human Rights Commission for about a month and a half. I am, however, a returnee; I was on the Human Rights Commission for about four and a half years back in 1994.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. Welcome back. Are there any questions of any of the appointees? Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Yeah, to all of you's, I would just like to thank you for coming down

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and for the time that you put in serving the commission and the citizens of our County.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much, Legislator Lindsay. I think he echoes all of our feelings. Okay, thank you.

RABBI MOSS:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Paulette, while you're here, if you would just take a seat, I have a question. I know that there was much discussion about the legislation that was proposed extending the powers to the Human Rights Commission and I would just ask where you are with all of that now.

MS. BARTUNEK:

Okay. I've had some meetings with the attorney's in the Department of Law, we are -- what we need to do is establish some procedures and it's really in its infancy, there's a lot of work to be done on it but we understand that and I have a group of people actually working on that with me.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Legislator Postal, maybe you can speak to this. When was that law first passed?

LEG. POSTAL:

Last year if I remember correctly.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yeah, it was about a year.

LEG. POSTAL:

I understand you're -- and when did it become effective?

MS. BARTUNEK:

It became effective this past January 1st.

LEG. POSTAL:

That's what I thought, that even though it was approved last summer it was effective as of January, 2002.

MS. BARTUNEK:

Right. And I have only been appointed about a month ago and so I have

just -- you know, as soon as I could I started working on it, it had not been worked on before that.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Because I know that there was, you know, so much advocacy, you know, on behalf of it not only by the previous Director but the members of the commission, too. And I would guess that you would be working closely with the State office on that, too, would you not?

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MS. BARTUNEK:

Absolutely. Yes, because we have a Memorandum of Agreement with the State.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

And have you had meetings with them?

MS. BARTUNEK:

Yes, I've talked to Mr. Freidland from the State Division and he's going to be involved also in discussions about establishing the policy so that it's not in conflict with our memorandum or anything involving the State because we certainly don't want to jeopardize that memorandum. So we're actually proceeding very carefully and very thoroughly to make sure we really have reviewed the law. There may be -- we may be requesting some amendments actually to the law and we're going to be meeting to discuss that with Ms. Postal and other Legislators who are interested. Once we establish what it is we feel may be --

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. Perhaps we could be helpful in that venue and maybe we should reach out to someone from the State and see if they want to come down and address the committee, since Legislator Postal has sponsored the resolution, and maybe have that dialogue so that we can move this along.

MS. BARTUNEK:

Oh, okay, absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you.

MS. BARTUNEK:

You're welcome.

LEG. POSTAL:

Just a suggestion. At some point where we're either close to or we're actually ready to implement this new policy, I think that we should make sure there that that information goes out through our Public Information Office because I think that the knowledge that the County has the power to enforce may act as a deterrent so that we may not have to deal with as many issues of discrimination and bias.

MS. BARTUNEK:

I agree, absolutely. And we have been -- we have a brochure, a new brochure and we have been publicizing the fact that there is a law. And just so that you understand, we have not been turning people away.

LEG. POSTAL:

I know.

MS. BARTUNEK:

We have taken a couple of complaints that were appropriate to take under the new law that are currently being investigated. At the point where it comes to an administrative hearing, we haven't yet determined who's going to actually conduct those hearings and things like that.

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So we're kind of going to play catch up and when we get there, we're hoping we'll have the policies in effect by then. So we understand the importance and the urgency of getting the policies in place. There's a couple of minor -- well, maybe not so minor but small changes that we may need to look at in terms of there's fines, as you know, written into the law, the law is not clear as to where that money goes. And so we would like to see that a little bit more clear so that maybe we can put it back into educational resources for the commission rather than just going into the General Fund, so we'll be in touch with you to discuss things like that.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much.

MS. BARTUNEK:

You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I look forward to having you attend the meetings. Okay, let us move to the agenda.

#### TABLED RESOLUTIONS

1251-02 (P) - Adopting Local Law No. 2002, a Local Law to expand SCOPE of County Forfeiture Law to cover driving while impaired (Towle).

LEG. POSTAL:

Motion to table.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion to table, second. All in favor? The resolution is tabled.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Opposed to tabling.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Tabled (VOTE: 5-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Caracappa).

1564-02 (P) - Establishing Leadership Education Program for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Corps (Postal).

LEG. POSTAL:

Motion to table.

LEG. BISHOP:

Second.

LEG. POSTAL:

Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yes.

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LEG. POSTAL:

The reason that I'm making the motion to table this is I'm working with Dave Fischler to clarify some aspects of this resolution and also expand others. It's a management education resolution and there apparently are a few other programs which should be included as options for volunteers to pursue.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. And we have a motion and a second to table. All those in favor? Opposed? The resolution is tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).  
1590-02 (P) - Amending the 2002 Operating Budget and transferring positions from the Department of Public Works to the Police Department (Postal).

LEG. POSTAL:

Motion to table to the first meeting in September.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay, I will second that. All those in favor? Opposed?  
Tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

1638-02 (P) - Establishing Anti-Gang Youth Bureau to educate school children (Fields). I had gotten a message from the sponsor, she wanted to have it tabled. So I'll make a motion to table, second by Legislator Postal. All in favor? Opposed? The motion is tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

1646-02 (P) - Establishing Police Boat Emergency Response Policy (Towle). I think we heard the Commissioner's feelings about this at the last meeting. Is there a motion? Okay, the resolution fails for a lack of a motion.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Motion to table.

LEG. BISHOP:

Second the motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion to table by Legislator Caracappa, second by Legislator Bishop. All those in favor? Opposed? The resolution is tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

1647-02 (P) - Authorize and empower County Executive to negotiate Volunteer Personnel Release Day Police (Towle). Is there a motion?

LEG. LINDSAY:

I will make a motion to table.

LEG. POSTAL:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion to table by Legislator Lindsay, second by Legislator Postal.

LEG. BISHOP:

Can I have an explanation?

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CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

We did at the last meeting and it would be a little problematic.  
Tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

1648-02 (P) - Establish Common Sense Police Emergency Response Act of 2002 (Towle). Is there a motion?

LEG. POSTAL:

Did we get an explanation?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Is there someone from the department who would like to comment, or Counsel, perhaps if you could.

MR. SABATINO:

Yes, this is Legislator Towle's proposal for a two point policy. The two points would be that every time a Suffolk County Police boat is activated to respond to an emergency, the Police Department would be required to simultaneously notify pertinent emergency medical service personnel as to the incident and the location to try to generate a simultaneous response.

The second point would be that, again, when the Police Department is responding to an emergency situation, they would be required to simultaneously contact all emergency medical service personnel in the community, separate and apart from the Police boat, this would be in a nonpolice boat situation. So it would be basically simultaneous contact of pertinent rescue emergency medical type personnel.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

And I think both the Commissioner, the Police Commissioner and Dave Fischler from FRES had commented that there had been a meeting reviewing this.

LEG. POSTAL:

I'll make a motion to table that.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed?  
The resolution is tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

1649 -02 (P) - Establishing Release Day Policy for Volunteer Firemen and Ambulance Company Workers within the County of Suffolk (Towle). Same motion, same second on tabling, same vote.  
Tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

IR 1682-02 (P) - Approving the reappointment of Carolyn G. Peabody as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (County Executive).

LEG. POSTAL:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion by Legislator Postal, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed?

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LEG. CARACAPPA:

Opposed.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Note the opposition, Legislator Caracappa. Approved (VOTE: 5-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Caracappa).

IR 1683-02 (P) - Approving the reappointment of Mary C. Abad as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (County Executive). Yeah, we'll have same motion, same second. Same vote?

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes, opposed.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

IR 1684-02 (P) - Approving the reappointment of Michele DelMonte as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (County Executive). Same motion, same --

LEG. BISHOP:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

On the motion, Legislator Bishop.

LEG. BISHOP:

As I did when this came up a few months ago, I'm going to vote against this appointee, not as a reflection of the appointee, she's a fine person, has great integrity. However, I do not believe that it is good practice to appoint people to the Human Rights Commission who are in the employee of the County of Suffolk.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, I would -- certainly, Legislator Postal.

LEG. POSTAL:

At the time that this resolution and another appointing resolution came before the committee, I had expressed the same point of view, that I had great concerns about appointing employees of the County. I did not recall, although I should have, that Michele DelMonte was formally a member of the Human Rights Commission when she was not an employee of the County. And so, you know, I am willing to give this a try, so to speak.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you, Legislator Postal. And I for one feel that, you know, we should not be prejudicing, you know, someone from serving the community on the commission just because of who they're employed by. So I will make that motion to approve, second by Legislator Postal. All those in favor? Opposed? Two opposed, the resolution is approved (VOTE: 4-2-0-0 Opposed: Legislators Bishop & Caracappa).

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CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

IR 1685-02 (P) - Approving the reappointment of Alice P. Lambert as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (County Executive). Motion by Legislator Postal, second by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed?

LEG. CARACAPPA:  
Opposed.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
One in opposition. Approved (VOTE: 5-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Caracappa).

IR 1686-02 (P) - Approving the reappointment of Rabbi Steven A. Moss as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (County Executive). Motion to appoint Rabbi Moss, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed?

LEG. CARACAPPA:  
Opposed.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
One opposed, the resolution is approved (VOTE: 5-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Caracappa).

IR 1687-02 (P) - Approving the reappointment of Lynda Perdomo-Ayala as a member of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. Approved (VOTE: 5-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Caracappa).

#### INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

1718-02 (P) - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$93,000 from New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Suffolk County Police Department to continue the Bellport Targeted Enforcement Program with 75% support (County Executive).

LEG. POSTAL:  
Motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
Motion by Legislator Postal, second by Legislator Bishop. All those in favor? Opposed? The resolution is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

1731-02 (P) - Amending the 2002 Operating Budget and transferring 100% County funds from various organizations codes within the Department of Probation to reinstate the Suffolk options for Female Adolescents Program in the Department of Probation and authorizing the County Executive to execute related agreements (County Executive).

LEG. POSTAL:  
Motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
Motion by Legislator Postal.

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LEG. NOWICK:  
Second.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor?

LEG. CARACAPPA:  
Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
Legislator Caracappa.

LEG. CARACAPPA:  
Can we amend the motion to put it on the consent calendar as well?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
Well, I don't know if this is --

LEG. POSTAL:  
This is a hundred percent County funds.

LEG. CARACAPPA:  
Oh, County.

LEG. POSTAL:  
I was going to do the same thing.

LEG. CARACAPPA:  
My mistake, sorry.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
Thank you. All those in favor? Opposed? The resolution is approved  
(VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

1734-02 (P) - Designating contract agency for education component of  
Universal Child Sexual Abuse Reporting Policy for Suffolk County  
(Caracappa).

LEG. CARACAPPA:  
Motion. There is a motion. Is there a second?

LEG. LINDSAY:  
Explanation.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:  
Legislator Caracappa or Counsel?

LEG. CARACAPPA:  
I'll start. Last week this Legislature passed Legislator Cooper's bill  
creating the Universal Child Sex Abuse Reporting Policy for Suffolk  
County. The punitive access of that bill is to have the education  
component; as of this time we have no one to provide that education.  
This bill would designate Parents for Megan's Law to provide the  
education component of that bill. Also, in the future there's a bill  
that will be before this Legislature, sponsored again by Legislator  
Cooper, that will be a more far reaching, mandatory education

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component of this first bill that was passed last week. And again,  
there's no agency to provide the education under the bill that this  
Legislature passed. So I personally feel that Parents for Megan's  
Law, which has been stated by the sponsor of the bill for which this  
comes from, says is highly qualified and I feel they're highly  
qualified and I think they're the ones that can get out there into the

communities and to the contract agencies that will be required to do this under the punitive aspect of the bill now to provide the service as the contract agency.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Legislator Postal, then Legislator Nowick.

LEG. POSTAL:

Are there other agencies that would provide education for situations where it's appropriate where there has been a problem of abuse? I mean, I'm curious about whether -- I don't know whether it's right for us to be designating one agency when there might be other agencies which are equally able to provide the same service.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

As far as -- as far as I know, I'll ask Counsel to answer but as far as I know there most likely are. But the one that's been doing it basically for us through our Legislative offices -- well, through mine anyway. When I have a problem with sexual abuse we call Parents for Megan's Law, they're a contract agency of the County already to provide services like this, and that's why I felt we should just continue them as a contract agency along these lines.

MR. SABATINO:

Legislator Cooper's legislation that was adopted last meeting provided that for first time violators there would be an educational component. And the statute also provided that the entity to provide the educational component would be an entity designated and authorized by the County of Suffolk. So you have to pick somebody. You don't have to pick this particular organization if there are other organizations, you make that final call. But what Legislator Caracappa has proposed is squarely within the confines of the legislation that was adopted.

LEG. POSTAL:

Would we have to put out on an RFP? I mean, would we -- or an RFQ or whatever we need to do?

MR. SABATINO:

That was part two to the question, as long as you've got an entity or an agency that's line item budget in the County budget, there's a section in the County Code, it's Section 706 something where you can actually designate the entity as you're doing here. So you could designate somebody as long as you've got line item budgeting. It's similar to what we did for the Enhanced Child Care Program last year, we actually designated Child Care Council because there's a provision in the statute that allows you to do that. But the point is that you have to select somebody to implement the legislation you adopted last week; who you decide to pick, that's up to the Legislature.

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LEG. POSTAL:

Yeah, again --

MR. SABATINO:

But the proposal is clearly within the --

LEG. POSTAL:

But I guess I'm coming back to my question, I don't know if you can answer it, whether we have other contract agencies already in the budget, that have line items within the budget, that are capable of

performing the same service.

MR. SABATINO:

That I honestly don't know. I mean, I honestly don't know, and rather than speculate, I would say you'd have to talk to -- maybe the Budget Review people who's line itemed or maybe somebody in Social Service might be able to tell you; I personally don't know.

LEG. POSTAL:

I would be really concerned about -- I mean, maybe CPS or, you know, maybe there's some branch of County government. I know -- I saw Elie Seidman Smith here, I don't know if she's still here.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yes.

LEG. POSTAL:

Oh, she's behind me, okay. I don't know, can I -- Madam Chair, if I could quickly.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Sure, absolutely.

LEG. POSTAL:

Elie, do you have any knowledge

MS. SEIDMAN-SMITH:

Yes, I do.

LEG. POSTAL:

Thank you.

MS. SEIDMAN-SMITH:

Though Parents for Megan's Law is an excellent organization, we had our meeting subsequent to that. Tom Williams is the chair and you heard Cindy {Cavallo} speaking last week, there's also Cindy Lee Pierce from SCOPE, they all have fine education programs and they're expansive not only for the sex abuse but also they felt that it's important to talk about sexual -- you know, all the different abuses for sexual -- not only sexual, child abuse, emotional, neglect. And their feeling was maybe to define a video which -- and a curriculum, they would like to talk about, you know, identifying people who would be able to speak, many different groups, and doing one curriculum, and I think that was one of the ideas. But if you would like to have Tom Williams come back and discuss about the curriculum and what they were

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thinking and their aides, he would be more than happy. We're having a meeting on July 8th as well.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Question.

LEG. POSTAL:

If I could just continue.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Certainly, Legislator Postal.

LEG. POSTAL:

Thank you, Elie. I think you raise an important point because -- which is very concerning to me because as I recall, the issue -- the Cooper law was not only a law that affected child sexual abuse, but it also related to child abuse, physical violence. And so I do have some concerns about designating an agency which has specific expertise in the field of child sexual abuse. And I think that Elie's suggestion about having Tom Williams come back and talk with us about this might be really helpful, so I would make a motion to table this.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

On the motion.

LEG. BISHOP:

How is Tom Williams an expert on this?

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yeah, exactly, that's my question, Madam Chair. When did Tom Williams become an expert on child sexual abuse.

LEG. POSTAL:

No, no, he's not.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

He's not, and he should not be the one to come here and tell us what we as a Legislature, what curriculum we should pick to provide through Legislator Cooper's bill, as well as the organization that he thinks is more suited to be the contract agency to provide this education training. Tom Williams, I think to have him come here and be the wherewithal to telling us what we should do based on Legislator Cooper's bill as absolutely ludicrous. The man -- I don't think he has the capabilities nor should he be the one to sit at that table to tell us what to do relating to this subject, it's ludicrous.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

If I could. I don't know that we need to have someone come down and tell us anything, but I think that as Legislators, the more information that we can get that's out there of people who are working in the field, and I know that Tom Williams has worked in the youth advocacy field for years, and I don't know that -- and I'm going to ask Counsel this, do we have to designate just one contract agency? If there are, in fact, three or two or four, can we not, you know, designate that if someone has to go, send someone to this education component that they can select from, two, three or four of them so

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that it makes it actually more convenient and more likely and not just put the burden on one agency who might not be equipped to handle it all. Counsel?

MR. SABATINO:

Yes, you could do that. The key under the statute is that the entity must only use someone who has been authorized and designated by the County of Suffolk. So if you designated more than one they could, you know, pick from that list; they can't go outside the list is what's critical.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

All right. Well, then I would, you know, address the sponsor and ask that -- I mean, I'm willing to have whomever is out there available come to the next meeting and perhaps address the resolution to include

more than just one agency so that we make it more likely that people will follow through and do what we intended them to do when we passed the original legislation. Legislator Nowick?

LEG. NOWICK:

Angie, that bill, whoever we choose, they get paid from that from the business?

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Yes.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yes. Legislator Bishop?

LEG. BISHOP:

We could designate this organization today through this resolution and then subsequently designate others?

MR. SABATINO:

Yes, you could.

LEG. BISHOP:

So then this resolution, the question is is this entity qualified to provide this service, and I think that answer is clear. Whether we want to include others later on, you know, like with ferries, the competition is good and the curriculum can only be advanced by authorizing more qualified agencies to look into it. So I don't think that it needs to be a lot of tumult on this, it seems clear that we should do this one and then look at other ones as well.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, I don't know if I agree necessarily that we need to do this one.

LEG. BISHOP:

Then you need to say why.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

When the legislation actually takes affect, does someone need to be named now, what's the time frame?

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MR. SABATINO:

Well, the bill will take effect when the County Executive signs it. There was a provision in there to have rules and regulations set up and put in place, so I would think that that process is going to probably take 30 to 60 daze to get the rules and regulations set up to implement. But the sooner you can get somebody designated the better because you have to have certainty. I mean, if somebody makes a claim and you get -- I'm sure there's not going to be a violation established in the next two weeks, but I would think, you know, over the next 60 days you'd want to get something in place so that when that first time violator actually does wind up in front of the County, he or should will have the opportunity to pick somebody. So I'm just speculating, hypothesizing that you probably have about a 60 day window just because of the way the system works.

LEG. POSTAL:

Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Legislator Postal.

LEG. POSTAL:

I would -- in view of Counsel's pointing out that we can adopt resolutions designating additional agencies, I would withdraw my tabling motion but I would ask that at the next meeting of this committee we contact Tom Williams, we contact perhaps CPS to get some information about what other agencies are out there. Because I think you make a really good suggestion in terms of having a list of agencies so that a choice can be made. So, you know, I would withdraw the tabling motion with a request that at the next meeting of this committee we get some informed people who can give us information with the objective of designating some additional agencies.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. So the tabling motion has been withdrawn. I personally think that this resolution should be tabled. I think that we should put forward the names of all of the agencies at once, so I'm going to make a motion to table this for one cycle and have that presentation at the next committee meeting. Is there a second?

LEG. NOWICK:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor of tabling? Opposed?

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Opposed.

LEG. BISHOP:

Opposed.

LEG. POSTAL:

Opposed.

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CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Three opposed, the resolution to table fails (VOTE: 3-3-0-0 Opposed: Legislators Caracappa, Bishop & Postal).

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion to approve by Legislator Caracappa, second by Legislator Bishop. All those in favor? Opposed? I'll abstain.

Approved (VOTE: 5-0-1-0 Abstention: Legislator Carpenter).

#### MEMORIALIZING SENSE RESOLUTIONS

Sense 46-2002 (P) - Memorializing Sense Resolution requesting the State of New York to mandate installation of DWI ignition interlock device on motor vehicles sold in New York State (Postal).

LEG. POSTAL:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion by Legislator Postal. Second by? I will second the

resolution. All those in favor? Opposed?

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Please add me as a cosponsor, Alison. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

The resolution is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

Sense 47-2002 (P) - Memorializing Sense Resolution requesting the State of New York to require expanded mandatory drug and alcohol testing in connection with fatal vehicular accident (Crecca).

LEG. LINDSAY:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion by Legislator Lindsay, second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? The resolution is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Please add me as a cosponsor, Alison.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

We were handed another card subsequently; Charles Richardson? I guess he's left. Okay, motion to adjourn. Thank you.

(\*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:45 A.M.\*)

Legislator Angie Carpenter, Chairperson  
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